
SENATE BILL 5085

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By Senators Haugen, Winsley, Prentice and McAuliffe

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1 AN ACT Relating to administering emergency services to school
2 students experiencing severe hypoglycemia; adding new sections to
3 chapter 28A.210 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 18.79
4 RCW.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.210
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 Public school districts and private schools may provide for the
9 administration of glucagon to students who experience severe
10 hypoglycemia when the students are in the custody of the school
11 district or private school, pursuant to chapter 18.79 RCW, if the
12 glucagon is provided in compliance with:

13 (1) Rules adopted under section 3 of this act by the state
14 nursing care quality assurance commission, and the instructions of
15 a registered nurse or advanced registered nurse practitioner
16 issued under the rules; and

17 (2) Written policies of the school district or private school

1 that are adopted to implement this section and are developed in
2 accordance with chapters 41.56 and 41.59 RCW.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.210
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 (1) If a school employee provides for the administration of
6 glucagon to a student under chapter 18.79 RCW and this chapter in
7 substantial compliance with: (a) Rules adopted by the state
8 nursing care quality assurance commission and the instructions of
9 a registered nurse or advanced registered nurse practitioner
10 issued under such rules, and (b) written policies of the school
11 district or private school, then the employee, the employee's
12 school district or school of employment, and the members of the
13 governing board and chief administrator thereof shall not be
14 liable in any criminal action or for civil damages in their
15 individual, marital, governmental, corporate, or other capacity as
16 a result of providing glucagon.

17 (2) Administering glucagon to any student under chapter 18.79
18 RCW and this chapter may be discontinued by a public school
19 district or private school, and the school district or school, its
20 employees, its chief administrator, and members of its governing
21 board shall not be liable in any criminal action or for civil
22 damages in their individual, marital, governmental, corporate, or
23 other capacity as a result of the discontinuance: PROVIDED, That
24 the chief administrator of the public school district or private
25 school, or his or her designee, has first provided actual notice
26 orally or in writing in advance of the date of discontinuance to a
27 parent or legal guardian of the student or other person having
28 legal control over the student: PROVIDED FURTHER, That the public
29 school district otherwise provides for the administration of
30 glucagon of the student to the extent required by federal or state
31 law.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 18.79
33 RCW to read as follows:

34 (1) In accordance with the rules adopted by the commission,
35 public school districts and private schools may provide for the

1 administration of glucagon to students in severe hypoglycemia when
2 the students are in the custody of the school district or private
3 school.

4 (2) After consultation with staff of the superintendent of
5 public instruction, the commission shall adopt rules in accordance
6 with chapter 34.05 RCW, that provide for the following and such
7 other matters as the commission deems necessary to the proper
8 implementation of this section:

9 (a) A requirement for a written, current, and unexpired request
10 from a parent, legal guardian, or other person having legal
11 control over the student that the school district or private
12 school provide for the administering of glucagon to the student;

13 (b) A requirement for a written, current, and unexpired request
14 from a physician licensed under chapter 18.71 or 18.57 RCW that
15 administering glucagon to a student be provided for during the
16 hours when school is in session or the hours when the student is
17 under the supervision of school officials;

18 (c) A requirement for written, current, and unexpired
19 instructions from an advanced registered nurse practitioner or a
20 registered nurse licensed under this chapter regarding
21 administration of glucagon that include: (i) A designation of the
22 school district or private school employee or employees who may
23 administer the glucagon, and (ii) a description of the nature and
24 extent of any required supervision; and

25 (d) The nature and extent of acceptable training that shall:
26 (i) Be provided by a physician, advanced registered nurse
27 practitioner, or registered nurse licensed under chapter 18.71 or
28 18.57 RCW, or this chapter, and (ii) be required of school
29 district or private school employees who administer the glucagon
30 to the student under this section, except that a licensed
31 practical nurse licensed under this chapter is exempt from
32 training.

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